# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF BANANA
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the areas of land in hectares under Banana cultivation;

(b) whether Banana is exported from the country;

(c) if so, the names of the countries to which it is exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned from each country annually;

(d) whether the Government have any concrete action plan to promote Banana cultivation in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

a) The total area under cultivation of Banana during 1999-2000 was 4.91 lakh hectares.

(b) & (c) The names of the countries to whom banana was exported during 2000-01 and the value of exports is given in the statement at Annexure − I.

(d) & (e) The Government is providing assistance for the development of fruits including banana under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans. Under the scheme, the State Governments can prioritize their activities and allocate the funds as per requirement in the Work Plans. Besides, a project on `Improvement of Banana Production for Small − Scale Growers` has been launched during August, 2001 with the assistance of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) with an outlay of US $ 2,31,000 to be implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Maharashtra over a period of 18 months.

ANNEXURE I

LIST OF COUTNRIES TO WHOM BANANA WAS EXPORTED DURING 2000-01 AND VALUE THEREOF

| Country | Value of export (Rupees) |
|---|---|
| Belgium | 114222 |
| Bahrain | 9407114 |
| Canada | 80656 |
| France | 202770 |
| Germany | 1438370 |
| U.K | 32566 |
| Kuwait | 13599014 |
| Sri Lanka | 6371 |
| Maldives | 3531214 |
| Malaysia | 1025090 |
| Netherlands | 13062528 |
| Netherlands Anti | 318305 |
| Nepal | 436421 |
| Oman | 12667299 |
| Korea Dem. Rep. | 193876 |
| Qatar | 10005816 |
| Russia | 343583 |
| Saudi Arabia | 26521562 |
| Singapore | 628308 |
| Switzerland | 45911 |
| U.A.E | 85059995 |

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|---|---|
| U.S.A | 1244047 |
| Other country | 65408 |
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| Product Total | 180030446 |